

IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF JAMAICA FOR SHEEP EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES

Every sheep must be accompanied by an Import Permit from the Director of Veterinary Services, Ministry of Agriculture, along with an Official Health Certificate issued by a U.S. Department of Agriculture Veterinarian. The certificate must carry the name and address of the consignor and consignee and complete identification of the animals. The certificate must include the following certification statements, as well as fulfillment of the indicated tests and vaccinations:

I. CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. Each sheep was born and raised in the United States of America.
2. That the sheep is/are in good health, physically sound and free from infectious disease including freedom from any symptoms of caseous lymphadenitis, scrapie and bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE).
3. The United States of America is free from Akabane disease, contagious caprine pleuropneumonia (*Mycoplasma mycoides*), East Coast fever, foot-and-mouth disease, goat pox, heartwater, louping ill, Nairobi disease, peste des petits ruminants, Rift Valley fever, sheep pox, and trypanosomes (Nagana).
4. Each sheep was born after the date of enforcement of a ban on the feeding of ruminant meat and bone meal and greaves to ruminants (August 1997) and originated from farms reporting no clinical evidence of bovine spongiform encephalopathy.
5. Each sheep for export showed no clinical signs of scrapie on the date of inspection. The animals for export have been enrolled in the Scrapie Flock Certification Program for at least twelve (12) months prior to the date of export and originate from the United States of America. The herd/flock has not, during the five (5) years prior to export, been designated a scrapie-infected or source flock and is not currently designated a scrapie-exposed flock.
6. Each sheep showed no clinical signs of contagious agalactia on the day of shipment and originated from farms where no cases of the disease have been officially reported during the last twelve (12) months.
7. Each sheep is free of external parasites having been treated with an approved acaricide, at the recommended dose within seven (7) days of export.

II. TEST REQUIREMENTS/ STATEMENT

Each sheep must test negative and certified free of the below mentioned diseases by the indicated tests within 30 days of embarkment:

1. Bluetongue: AGID, ELISA, PCR or virus isolation or must originate from an area certified bluetongue free.
2. Tuberculosis: Intradermal tuberculin test.
3. Brucellosis (*Brucella melitensis*): serum agglutination test.
4. Leptospirosis: Microtiter agglutination test at 1:400 dilution for *Leptospira pomona*, *L. icterohaemorrhagiae*, *L. hardjo* and *L. canicola*

III. VACCINATION STATEMENT

Vaccinations are not to be administered less than fourteen (14) days before export.

1. Hemorrhagic septicemia; *Clostridium septicum* and *Clostridium chauvoei* at twenty-one (21) days prior to shipment.

IV. EMBARKMENT STATEMENT

At the port of embarkment, a VS port veterinarian shall attach a further U.S. Origin Health Certificate, the Certificate of Inspection of Export Animals (VS Form 17-37) showing:

1. The name and address of the consignor.
2. The name and address of the consignee.
3. The number, species and permanent identification of the animals to be exported.
4. Each sheep must be inspected and found to be free of communicable diseases and exposure thereto within twenty-four (24) hours of exportation.

V. OTHER INFORMATION

1. At least three (3) weeks notice of arrival of the animals with a further forty-eight (48) hours confirmation must be given to the Director, Veterinary Services Division, Jamaica.

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2. On arrival at a port in Kingston, Jamaica, an official veterinarian shall examine each sheep, which must be transported to the designated Quarantine Facility and there remain isolated for a period of not less than fourteen (14) days, at the owner's expense.